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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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MIXING OF SOLVENTS IN PETROL AND DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chemical industry in the country is mixing solvents in Petrol and Diesel illegally instead of using it for prescribed jobs; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check such type of adulteration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : Chemical industry is one of the prime sources of naphtha and other miscible solvents used for adulteration of petrol/diesel by unscrupulous elements for pecuniary gains.

(b) : Besides the setting up of Anti Adulteration Cell, steps such as blue dyeing of Kerosene meant for Public Distribution System (PDS), regular/ surprise inspection of the retail outlets, introduction of tamper proof locking system for tanker-trucks, special vigilance drives, etc., are taken by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)Action is taken by the OMCs against erring dealers under the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement. The State Governments also initiate action against any dealer indulging in adulteration of petroleum products and violation of any Control Order issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.